

THE STATE CAPITAL

May Get the Trade of the New-
port News Merchants.

A SIGNIFICANT PETITION

Merchants Ask the Chesapeake and Ohio
to Grant Certain Concessions Promis-
ing, in Which Event, to Throw All
of Their Trade to Richmond.

Norfolk has sown. She is now about
to reap.

That city across the Roads gave the
merchants of this city what is considered
a new deal, and the merchants of
this city propose, if possible, to give
Richmond another sort of deal. If
Richmond will meet Newport News
half way and the Chesapeake & Ohio
will do its part.

The situation has been discussed at
great length among the business men
and in the papers. Now the business
men have begun to act.

Mr. M. Joo yesterday afternoon
circulated a petition among the mer-
chants of this city who have been in
the habit of buying their goods in
Newport News. Mr. Joo was out with
the petition but a short time and he secured
the names of practically all of these
merchants.

The petition is as follows:
"We, the undersigned merchants of
the city of Newport News, Va., beg to
present the following petition to the C.
& O. Railroad, to wit:

"That the C. & O. sell tickets to
the merchants of Newport News from
Newport News to Richmond and re-
turn, good for one day only, for one
dollar (\$1.00) for the round trip, these
tickets to be sold to the merchants of
Newport News only, and to be used by
them only.

"(2) That the C. & O. Railroad agree
to transport freight of such character
as is used in the local trade, consigned
to the Newport News merchants from
Richmond, Virginia, at the same
rates for which it now transports
freight of the same class between Nor-
folk and Newport News.

"In consideration of the above con-
cessions the undersigned merchants of
Newport News pledge themselves to
throw as much of their jobbing busi-
ness as it is possible for them to do,
to the city of Richmond."

This petition is signed by the fol-
lowing:

Peninsula Feed and Flour Co., H. P.
Mahone, J. B. Shaw, R. L. Phelps, M.
Silverstone, A. E. Burcher, M. H. Lash,
W. W. Faulkner, Newport News Har-
bor Company, Newport News Bakery,
Hadden & Barnham, Ketchum & Garri-
son, M. J. Bauman, Warwick Grocery
Company, Hammet & Co., M. Gordon,
Morris Joo, King Bridge Co., E. J.
Newton, John Plum, W. R. Robinson,
A. E. G. Klor, Felix Bordinave, R. E.
Gish & Co., R. L. Cooke, M. Scull, J.
W. Mesic, W. H. Abbell, H. S. Ross &
Co., W. H. Lindhart, L. R. Boling, S.
White, McNair Bros., Newport News
Tobacco Co., Saunders & Pointer,
Martha James, Richard Burlingame,
Harwood & Curtis, W. M. Parker &
Co., B. B. Wilkins, E. W. Caldwell and
J. Reynier.

A LOWER RATE

On Telephone Service Between This City
and Richmond.

There is a movement on foot to secure
a cheaper telephone rate between New-
port News and Richmond. While this
movement is still in its infancy, it has
behind it some of the leading mer-
chants of the city and promises to take on
proportions in the next few days. All
of the business men who have discussed
the matter believe that the low rate
should be brought about at the earliest
possible date.

From now on a large part of the
trade of local merchants will be placed
with wholesalers in Richmond. Here-
tofore, Norfolk has been getting this
trade, but since Norfolk's malici-
ous action of last week, in influencing
other cities to quarantine against New-
port News and compelling the transpor-
tation companies to avoid this port, prac-
tically shutting out all water traffic
the business men of Newport News
have made up their minds to patronize
Richmond merchants whenever prac-
ticable. The people of that city have
demonstrated their true friendship for
Newport News. Working with them
for the interests of this city were the
officials of the Chesapeake & Ohio rail-
road, who are never found wanting
when Newport News needs a helping
hand.

The idea is to induce one or both of
the telephone companies operating here
to make arrangements to give the pub-
lic a fifteen-cent rate to Richmond, the
same is now charged to Norfolk and
Portsmouth. Of course this request
will not be made until the promoters
of the movement are in a position to
convince the telephone companies that
the people of this city and Richmond
want the reduced rate and that it will
pay the companies to establish it. It
is understood that the merchants of
Richmond are heartily in favor of the
reduction and will give the line which
inaugurates the cheaper rate their sup-
port. It is needless to say that the
business men of this city will do like-
wise.

At the present time communication
with Richmond can be had over one
telephone line only. That is the Bell
line. The Citizens Company con-
templated extending its line up the Virginia
Peninsula and eventually to Richmond.
It already reaches to Warwick Court-
house and in the fall will be extended
to Williamsburg. The Bell line makes
connection with Richmond via Norfolk
and for three minutes conversation
charges seventy-five cents. This is en-
tirely too much for business purposes,
as the telegraph can be used for less
money.

In view of the clear business relations
between Newport News and Richmond
it is believed that a reduced telephone
rate will be profitable to the telephone
company operating it. The business
over the phone wire would in-
crease ten-fold and the profits would
necessarily be much greater than at
the present time, when a business tele-
gram can be sent for one third or one
half what a phone message to Rich-
mond costs. A fifteen-cent rate to
Richmond would divert to the telephone
company much business that now goes
by telegraph. This would be the case
not only from Newport News to Rich-
mond, but vice versa as well.

A telephone rate within the means of
everybody would work conveniently for
the business men of the city. Orders
could be placed at night and be filled
on the early morning train from Rich-
mond, or they could be sent over the
phone in the morning and early after-
noon and be filled on the evening train
getting here at 6 o'clock. Professional
men could operate the telephone to
great advantage under the reduced rate
and, in fact, the fifteen-cent rate, would

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benefit the entire public. It would be a
good thing for everybody in Newport
News and Richmond and the telephone
company would be a winner.

It is stated authoritatively that this
matter will be brought before the coun-
cil and the Business Men's Association
in the early future and it is probable
that steps will be taken to induce one
of the telephone lines to offer the pub-
lic the benefit of a fifteen-cent rate.
As the Bell company now has the only
line to Richmond that company will
probably be approached first. When the
Citizens company completes its line it
will inaugurate cheaper rates, it is
understood. Those who are urging this
cut in rates have no doubt about the
ability of the council and Business
Men's Association to secure the reduc-
tion over one of the two lines. If the
Bell company will not consider the cut,
it is believed that the Citizens line can
be induced to extend its service to Rich-
mond earlier than anticipated in order
to secure the increased business be-
tween the two cities.

OFFICIAL ADVICE.

That Was All That the Acting Health
Officer Suggested.

Special Chesapeake and Ohio officer,
V. M. Pettus, called in to see the Act-
ing Health Officer yesterday afternoon.
Dr. Holson was not in at the time, but
Mr. Pettus explained that Dr. Holson
had wired to Superintendent Doyle ask-
ing that he be discharged from the
service of the railroad company. The
special officer wanted to know why.
He said he could not imagine, and was
nervous, innocent of any offense
against the Health Department.

Last Sunday night the inspecting par-
ty had some trouble with a locomotive
one of the shifting engines which al-
most ran down the party and did not
stop until a shot was fired across her
bow, so to speak.

Now it came to the ears of the Acting
Health Officer that Mr. Pettus, hearing
of the incident, had made sundry
statements, saying, among other things,
that he would arrest the guards if the
thing was repeated. The Acting Health
Officer heard this from so many sources
and seeing that it was likely to inter-
fere with the discipline of the line, wired
Mr. Doyle asking him to please offi-
cially advise Mr. Pettus of his duty to-
ward the Health Department and the
quarantine guards in this emergency.

"That is all there is to it," said Dr.
Holson, "I haven't asked for his dis-
charge and have not wanted it. I
simply want Mr. Pettus to become ac-
quainted with the proper attitude for
him to hold toward this quarantine.
From the information I had, he did not
seem to know what this attitude was,
so I wired to Mr. Doyle to instruct him."
"I don't know what the matter is,"
said Mr. Pettus, "I haven't any idea,
I haven't been to the 'Y' and I haven't
interfered with the guards in any way."
Mr. Pettus claims that the guards
fired into the engine, but it is positively
and authoritatively stated that Mr.
Pettus is misinformed on the subject.

The First Arrest.

The first arrest for violating the
council's ordinance, providing a penalty
of breaking through the quarantine
lines, was made Monday night and the
guilty party was convicted in the Police
Court yesterday.

Richard Anderson is the man. Ac-
cording to his own story he went to
Anderson's to secure work at a brick-
yard there. He was unsuccessful and
returned to this vicinity, being stopped
at the quarantine line. He made several un-
successful attempts and Monday he hit
upon a novel idea. He boarded a
right train above the city and took
his position on top of a box car, stretch-
ing out on the running board. The eyes
of the line guards see everything
and notwithstanding the fact that An-
derson was lying flat on the top of the
car his attempt at breaking the line was
frustrated by a wide-awake guard in
the first section of City Sergeant Mil-
lhead's Division. Anderson was arrest-
ed and yesterday was convicted.

He will spend thirty days in jail.

INSPECTED THE LINE.

Councilman E. L. Ford, of the Fourth
Ward, was the guest of Chief R. G.
Bickford and his staff on the highly in-
teresting inspection Monday night. Mr.
Bickford requested Mr. Ford to accom-
pany the party Monday in order to see
himself what kind of a line is being
maintained and to be ready to enlighten
the council should the question be raised
at any time. Mr. Ford accepted the
invitation and started at 9 o'clock
at night with the chief and his staff. All
of the members of the party were
mounted and the tour occupied over
five hours, the party returning to Twen-
ty-eighth street and Washington ave-
nue at 2:10 A. M.

In speaking of the inspection, Coun-
cilman Ford said: "I never saw any-
thing like it. I doubt if there was ever
a better scourge quarantined in any
city anywhere. The citizens' quaran-
tine has certainly proved its supe-
riority over any other mode of muni-
cipal quarantine and the next time we
have an emergency of this kind to fight
we will know how to go about it. Last
night we found every man at his post,
wide awake and ready to do his duty.
You have heard a lot of amusing ex-
periences the men on the line have,
but I tell you there is more seriousness
than I can tell you that fine time it comes
to halting persons loitering in the vicinity
of the forbidden territory. I tested the
efficiency of the line and before I knew
that I was on dangerous ground the
guard had me off my horse and ready
to empty with his order to advance
and be recognized as a member of the
inspection party. I am heartily glad I
made the trip. I now know to the
fact what I had read in the papers
about the ability of our quarantine line
to protect the city against invasion."

Death of Miss Helen Dickinson.

A telegram announcing the death of
Miss Helen Dickinson at the Old Do-
mition Hospital, in Richmond, on yester-
day, has been received. Miss Dickin-
son was a sister of Mrs. C. L. Putzel,
of this city, and was well known here,
and the sad intelligence of her death
will be received by her many friends in
town with great sorrow. She left this
city just one month ago, after a visit
of several weeks, and seemed in perfect
health and it is hard for her friends
to realize, so soon, that they should be
called to mourn her death.

"Mosquitoes."

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CURRENCY QUESTION

Is an Important One to Newport
News Just at This Time.

WHERE WILL IT COME FROM

Will Look to the Government to Reim-
burse the City for Money Lost on Ac-
count of the Fever. Work on the
Bridges. Other City Matters.

The currency question, always import-
ant, is particularly so at this time, so
far as Newport News is concerned. The
specific question just now is: Where is
the money coming from that is to pay
for all this extra expense incurred by
reason of the fever scare?

Immediately speaking, the money will
have to come from the \$18,000 recently
borrowed from the Twenty-eighth street
bridge fund for general purposes. It
will take every cent of this, there is no
doubt.

Then comes the question of reim-
bursement. It is believed that the
United States government will reim-
burse this city and the rest of this
section for the expense it has been put
to by reason of the fever. There is a
fund set aside for just such occasions
and it seems reasonable to believe that
part of it will be diverted into the
empty coffers of the city treasury, for
every red cent of the outlay has been
caused by the Government from first to
last. The fever started in the Soldiers'
Home, a government institution, was
carried to Phoebus by old soldiers under
the government's care, and is now be-
ing fought by the government experts.
The origin of the fever, it has been
clearly proven, was in a government in-
stitution. The tremendous loss of
money that has been entailed is due to
the origin of the fever. Had the Home
not been where it is there would have
been no fever in the Peninsula and
none of the loss and trouble would have
occurred. The matter will be taken up
as soon as the situation is relieved.

The county, it must not be forgotten,
owes the city quite a large sum of
money, part of which has been audit-
ed and approved by the board of su-
pervisors of the county. There is an-
other portion which is due the city,
which has not been approved, but which
will be collected, peaceably if possible,
by law, if necessary.

Speaking of money, there was to have
been a meeting of the Finance Com-
mittee of the council Monday night, but
Mr. A. E. Burcher, the chairman, was
the only member to show up, consequ-
ently there was no meeting. There
probably will not be until the evening
of the next council meeting.

The work on the bridges has been
hied up by the fever as almost every-
thing else has, and it is probable that
another extension of time will be asked
for and granted.

The last estimate due the company—
some \$11,000—was held up by the mayor,
who was opposed to its being paid until
he had seen some material evidence of
its being earned. The mayor, however,
is neither a member of the bridge com-
mittee, nor of the council, so the com-
mittee finally decided that he had no
right to hold up the bill, which was
ordered paid in spite of his Honor's
protest.

City Engineer George Fitchett is now
in Buckingham County inspecting lum-
ber for the flooring of the bridges.

The proof of the new bonds has been
received and read, and the books have
been ordered printed.

It is probable that the work of
street paving will be taken up as soon
as the present emergency has been dis-
cussed. There is a general feeling
abroad to the effect that the paving
should be done as soon as possible, and
this general wish will be carried out
as far as possible by the council. At
present nothing can be done. It will
be necessary to levy a proper assess-
ment and this can not be done while
many of the property owners are out
of the city, as they must be summon-
ed to appear before the committee to
give their reasons, if they have any,
as to why they should not be assessed.

The Primary Method.

The Democratic Executive Committee
of York county has decided to elect
delegates to the Williamsburg conven-
tion by primary, which will be held this
week. Mr. W. T. Moss is in York and
will remain there until after the pri-
mary.

Mr. B. H. Ewan, of Magruder, York
county, has made an official announce-
ment of his candidacy for the House
of Delegates from this district.

It was reported several weeks ago
that he proposed to enter the fight, but
not until this week did he announce his
candidacy.

Due Today.

The current issue of the American
Shipbuilder contains a lengthy and in-
teresting "write-up" of the new steam-
ship El Sud, which was built here re-
cently for the Morgan Line. A quar-
ter page out of the ship is also pre-
sented.

El Sud is due at New York today
on her first round trip from that
port to New Orleans.

Miss Minnie Chatham, of Manches-
ter, has returned home after a visit
to her sister, Mrs. McGregor.

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good bargain for \$1.39.

\$1.98 White P. K. Skirts with four
lots of Pearl buttons at back. Deep
hem. Don't miss it if you want a nice
White P. K. Skirt for \$1.69.

\$2.25 White P. K. Skirts, trimmed
with Pearl buttons, flared flounced.
This is a good skirt and will do you ser-
vice for \$2.25.

\$2.50 White P. K. Skirts trimmed with
white braid and pearl buttons for \$2.50
each.

\$2.96 White P. K. Skirts, extra heavy
P. K. trimmed with pearl buttons for
\$2.99.

Linen Skirts.

5 dozen Linen Skirts, worth 40c. dur-
ing this week will be sold for 25c.

Ladies' Linen Skirts, trimmed with
four rows heavy braid, for 69c. each.

Ladies' Linen Skirts, trimmed with
white braid, well made, \$1.25.

Ladies' Linen Skirts, in fancy stripe
and plain, some trimmed, for \$1.69.

Ladies' Colored P. K. Skirts, trimmed
in braid to match, \$2.25.

Ladies' Linen Skirts, extra sizes well
made, for stout ladies, \$2.50.

Ladies' White P. K. Skirts, well made,
full widths, 98c.

Ladies' Linen Suits

Ladies' Linen Suits, trimmed with
braid and buttons, \$3.50.

Ladies' Crash Suits, trimmed with
white and fancy braids, \$3.98 and 4.98
per suit.

Ladies' White P. K. Suits, trimmed and
some plain, latest styles, \$3.98, \$4.50 and
4.98 per suit.

Ready Made Silk Brocade Skirts, well
made, with or without buttons, \$4.98.

Ladies' Black Satin Duchess, ready
made Skirts, \$7.50 to \$10.00.

Ladies' Ready Made Silk Taffeta
Skirts, some trimmed and some plain,
\$10.00.

Shirtwaist, \$1.50 Each



About twelve dozen Ladies' Shirt
Waists that sold for \$2.98, \$2.75, \$2.50
and \$1.98 have put them all in one lot
and you can have your pick of this lot
for \$1.50 each as long as they last.
Don't expect them to stay here long at
this price. Among the lot there are
White P. K. Waists with inserting
fronts, White Lawn Waists with insert-
ing fronts, White Lawn Waists with
Black and White inserting, Pale Blue
and Pink P. K. Waists with inserting.
In fact, these are all the
finest and best waists we have in stock.
In order to make them go quick we
have put the price so low that will move
them out quick. See sample in window.
Don't miss this chance for a bargain
in shirt waists. Your choice, \$1.50 each.
Ready Made Black Mohair Skirts,
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\$5.98 each.

39c Wash Silks 39c

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About eight hundred yards of wash
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This lot comes in all colors and styles.
They are the regular 59c. silks. Stripes
plaids and checks.

This is a bargain and make nice, cool
shirt waists. Don't miss this opportu-
nity to buy wash silks for 39c. a yard.

19c Wool Dress Goods 19c

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About twelve pieces of colored wool
dress goods in several different styles,
worth 40c. and 30c. a yard, will be sold
for the low price of 19c. This is another
bargain and will pay you to get a slice
at them before they are all gone, wool
dress goods, 19c.

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The sensation of the season. Solid
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